Modified Geography – Independent Study for:

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Your semester project for this class will be to:

1. Pretend my wife and I are planning to buy a beachfront house in one of the following regions of Mexico (see map below):
   1. #11, #12, #1 or in Belize (south side of region #11).
2. As our travel agent/realtor you are to determine what region would be the best choice for this home based on a budget of $300,000.00 (US Dollars).
   1. A few of our MUST HAVES with the home are:
      1. Beachfront or as close to the ocean as possible
      2. Large home with at least 2000 square feet in size minimum
      3. At least 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
      4. Nearby a resort city (i.e. Cancun (#11); Acapulco (#12); Cabo (#1); Belize)
      5. Low Crime rate
      6. Great climate (Average temperature of 75 to 90 degrees/average per year)
      7. Easy access (flights) from Denver to this area
      8. We want the home to be as close to the ocean but also have easy access to mountains, lakes and rivers (similar to Colorado)
      9. Both English and Spanish are the common languages
3. In order to give us all of the important information necessary to make this decision, we need you to be able to answer the following questions about each of the 4 regions mentioned above.
   1. States and Capitals
   2. Weather (Climate Distribution)?
      1. Annual Mean Temperatures
   3. Topographic and Physiography
   4. Major Rivers and Lakes
   5. Accessible to major Highways and Paved Roads
   6. Any Drug Cartel Territories in the area?
   7. International and National Airports
   8. $$$ for beachfront properties ($300,000 Max Budget)
   9. Most recent population demographics
   10. Ethnic Languages spoken

You may want to create a table (poster) with each of the questions answered for each region. Something similar to:

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| Region | **#11** | **#12** | **#1** | **Belize** |
| Criteria | Yucatan | Acapulco | Baja | Belize |
| **States and Capitals** |  |  |  |  |
| **Weather (Climate Distribution)?** |  |  |  |  |
| * + 1. **Annual Mean Temp.** |  |  |  |  |
| **Topographic and Physiography** |  |  |  |  |
| **Major Rivers and Lakes** |  |  |  |  |
| **Accessible to major Highways and Roads** |  |  |  |  |
| **Any Drug Cartel Territories in the area?** |  |  |  |  |
| **International and National Airports** |  |  |  |  |
| **Most recent population demographics** |  |  |  |  |
| **Ethnic Languages spoken** |  |  |  |  |
| **Beachfront homes within budget** |  |  |  |  |
| **Home with at least 2k sq. ft. size min.** |  |  |  |  |
| **At least 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms** |  |  |  |  |
| **Nearby resort city (i.e. Cancun (#11); Acapulco (#12); Cabo (#1); Belize)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Low Crime rate in the city** |  |  |  |  |

1. In order for us to make this decision, we will need all blanks in this table filled in with the necessary information and
2. 1 large poster made of the area that you feel meets most of our needs. On this poster you should have pictures of a few homes in you have picked out for us, pictures of the culture of the area; fun things for us to do; popular restaurants, attractions < ***Sell us on your choice thru pics (on poster)***

Grade:

This project will be worth **100 points; the total points you earn will equal your grade. Please plan to present your findings to Mr. Perry and Ms. Sonheim sometime at lunch during the week of: Dec. 8th – Dec. 12th**

**Be *creative* in your information and the way you present it. As a successful travel agent, you need to come up with some items etc. that we may not have ever thought of etc.**

**Any questions please come see me!**

**Mr. Perry (Rm 216)**

